

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

September 28, 2000

9:00AM

Room 207, Gressette Building

Members Present: Mr. Barnet, Mrs. Berry, Dr. Gummerson, Representative Harrell, Mrs. Hoag, Mr. Martin, Senator Matthews, Mr. McTeer, Senator Setzler, Dr. Everson, Mr. Staton, Representative Townsend, Mr. Wilson

Mr. Barnet introduced Governor Hodges. The Governor discussed EnVision, his plan for South Carolina. Following discussion of the plan, the Governor and members of the EOC discussed a number of education issues.

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September 21, 2000  
2:00PM  
Room 433, Blatt Building

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- I. Welcome and Introductions  
Mr. Barnet welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He noted that Mrs. Molly Spearman was attending on behalf of Superintendent Tenenbaum.
- II. Approval of the Minutes  
The minutes of the August 18 meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. Subcommittee Reports
  - A. Academic Standards and Assessments: Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee.
    - (1) The report and recommendations on the Mathematics Content Standards was approved as recommended by the Subcommittee;
    - (2) The Subcommittee informed the full committee of the response from the State Department of Education regarding the recommendations on PACT 1 and 2. The Department concurred with the recommendations;
    - (3) The Subcommittee recommended that the PACT 1 and 2 Optional Tests be removed from the statewide testing program. After considerable discussion the recommendation was adopted, with Rep. Townsend abstaining. Rep. Townsend suggested that the EOC meet with the House Education and Public Works Committee to explain fully the rationale;
    - (4) The report on the alignment studies of the Terra Nova was received as information. The report is to be distributed to all superintendents.
    - (5) Mr. Wilson indicated that the Subcommittee had begun explorations of the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards criteria and is examining the schedule for the development of end-of-course tests.
  - B. EIA and Improvement Mechanisms: Mr. Staton reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He indicated that the Subcommittee had reviewed the SDE guidelines for academic plans and requested minor revisions.
  - C. Parent Involvement: Mrs. Thompson reported that the Parent Involvement Subcommittee had not met. Senator Matthews asked about the parenting programs sponsored under First Steps and the degree of integration with EOC and SDE efforts. The staff is to request information from First Steps.
  - D. Public Awareness: Mr. Smith reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He indicated that the Subcommittee is exploring concepts for Phase 2 of the ad campaign and strategies for the town meetings.
  - E. Staff and Administration: Mr. Barnet reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. (1) The FY 2002 budget request was adopted; (2) The December meeting has been changed to December 6; and (3) the September 28 meeting with the Governor was announced. Dr. Anderson introduced new staff persons and shared her report as well as "Rural Matters", a report from the Rural and Community Trust.

V. General Discussion

The Committee members discussed the need for a long-range planning initiative to sequence issues and develop priorities. After considerable discussion, EOC members agreed that the long-range planning effort was appropriate and that the Governor and the State Superintendent of Education should be invited to collaborate. The Chairman was asked to initiate the meetings.

VI. The Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m.